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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (CHRISTOPHER, WARREN), PEPR, GR
SUBJECT: CHRISTOPHER VISIT: PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

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1. DCM MET WITH CHIEF OF PROTOCOL GIRGORIADIS THIS MORNING
TO DISCUSS GENERAL OUTLINE OF DEPUTY SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE.
GRIGORIADIS EMPHASIZED THAT HIS PRINCIPALS HAD NOT DISCUSSED
VISIT IN ANY DETAIL WITH HIM BEFORE LEAVING FOR NEW YORK SO
HIS SUGGESTIONS WERE SUBJECT TO THEIR LATER APPROVAL. SUGGESTED
SCENARIO IS AS FOLLOWS:

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19

10:40 A.M. PARTY ARRIVES VIA TWA 880. MET BY GOG OFFICIALS,
AMBASSADOR AND STAFF AND ESCORTED TO VIP AREA FOR
ARRIVAL STATEMENT. NEWSPAPERMEN, TELEVISION
AND STILL CAMERAMEN WILL BE PRESENT. AFTER MAKING
HIS STATEMENT DEPUTY SECRETARY DEFERS ANSWERING
ANY QUESTIONS AND IMMEDIATELY PROCEEDS TO QUARTERS
(AMBASSADOR INVITES DEPUTY SECRETARY AND COUNSELOR
TO STAY IN GUEST HOUSE AT RESIDENCE AND DCM

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INVITES DILLERY TO STAY WITH HIM. GOG HAS ALSO
OFFERED TO PUT UP PARTY AT GRANDE BRETAGNE
HOTEL. PLEASE ADVISE DEPUTY SECRETARY'S PREFERENCE.)

PRIVATE LUNCH AND FREE AFTERNOON.

7:15 P.M. MEET WITH AMBASSADOR AND SELECTED MISSION

PERSONNEL OVER DRINKS AT RESIDENCE.

8:45 P.M. DEPART FOR MFA

9:00 P.M. FOREIGN MINISTER RALLIS' STAG DINNER AT FOREIGN MINISTRY. DARK SUIT. ALL MEMBERS OF PARTY INVITED. TV AND STILL PHOTOGRAPHERS WILL BE ADMITTED FOR A FEW MINUTES AT BEGINNING OF DINNER. TOASTS WILL BE OFFERED; THEY ARE TRADITIONALLY LONGER AT FOREIGN MINISTER'S DINNER THAN AT VISITOR'S RETURN DINNER. SUGGESTIONS FOR TOASTS WILL BE SENT BEFORE OCTOBER 5.

FRIDAY OCTOBER 20

MORNING WORKING MEETINGS AT MFA AND ELSEWHERE. AT SOME TIME DURING VISIT PRIVATE CONVERSATION WILL BE ARRANGED WITH FOREIGN MINISTER RALLIS AND PROBABLY WITH PRIME MINISTER.

AFTERNOON CONTINUE WITH MEETINGS

8:30 P.M. RETURN DINNER AT AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE. DARK SUIT. GUEST LIST OF 25 TO 30 INCLUDING GOG OFFICIALS WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN MEETINGS, SAMPLING OF ACADEMICIANS, CULTURAL, ECONOMIC AND SCIENTIFIC
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OFFICIALS, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF U.S. NEWSPAPERS. PHOTO OPPORTUNITY AT START OF DINNER.

SHORT TOASTS.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

MORNING CONTINUE MEETINGS AND WORK ON JOINT STATEMENT.

AFTERNOON PARTY TRAVELS OUTSIDE ATHENS. WE BELIEVE TRIP TO THESSALONIKI WOULD PROVIDE INTERESTING AFTERNOON AND WOULD BEST SERVE PURPOSES OF DEPUTY SECRETARY'S VISIT TO GREECE. VISIT TO THESSALONIKI WOULD DEMONSTRATE POLITICAL INTEREST (PRESENCE OF SENIOR NON-MILITARY OFFICIAL IN STRATEGIC NORTH), HUMANITARIAN CONCERN (VISIT TO EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS' TENT CAMP), CULTURAL INTEREST (ARTIFACTS RECENTLY FOUND IN "KING PHILIP'S TOMB") AND EDUCATIONAL COOPERATION (AMERICAN FARM SCHOOL), AS WELL AS SHOWING FLAG AT OUR CONSULATE GENERAL. IF THIS OPTION IS CHOSEN, SCHEDULE WOULD BE:

APPROX 2 P. M. DEPART ATHENS VIA U. S. VIP AIRCRAFT, ACCOMPANIED
BY AMBASSADOR AND GREEK ESCORT OFFICER.

3.00 P.. ARRIVE THESSALONIKI. MET MY MINISTER FOR NORTHERN
GREECE MARTIS, OTHER GOG AND LOCAL GREEK
OFFICIALS AND CONSUL GENERAL ZACHARY. DRIVE TO
MINISTER'S OFFICE FOR BRIEF DISCUSSION,
FOLLOWED BY TOUR OF CITY, VISIT TO MUSEUM,
FARM SCHOOL AND CONGEN.

APPROX. 7:00 P.M. RETURN TO ATHENS, ARRIVING ABOUT 8 P.M.

OTHER ALTERNATIVES FOR THE AFTERNOON INCLUDE
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SIGHTSEEING VISIT TO DELPHI AND POSSIBLY MYCENAE
BY HELICOPTER OR COASTAL DRIVE TO TEMPLE OF
POSEIDON AT SOUNION.

EVENING FREE.

SUNDAFUX OCTOBER 22

10:15 A.M. DEPART QUARTERS FOR ATHENS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

11.00 A.M. PRESS CONFERENCE IN VIP LOUNGE

11:45 A.M. DEPART FOR NEW YORK VIA TWA 881.

2. WOULD APPRECIATE COMMENTS ON THIS FIRST, VERY ROUGH,
SUGGESTED SCHEDULE. IF DEPUTY SECRETARY AND PARTY WISH,
LUNCH COULD BE ARRANGED ON FRIDAY AT A SEASIDE RESTAURANT AND
SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER AT A COUNTRY OR OLD-TOWN TAVERN. CHURCH
SERVICE, SHOPPING OR SIGHTSEEING ARE POSSIBLE BEFORE DEPARTURE
SUNDAY. PLEASE ADVISE DEPUTY SECRETARY'S WISHES.
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